

"He was a hell of a good newspaper man," Stringer said, "and I think the community is going to miss him."

EXTRANEOUS PROVISIONS OF S. 1762

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, as chairman of the Committee on the Budget, pursuant to section 313 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the following list of reconciliation provisions considered to be extraneous and subject to the Byrd rule.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXTRANEOUS PROVISIONS OF S. 1762 AS REPORTED BY THE HEALTH, LABOR, EDUCATION AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Provision	Violation	Description of provision
Sec. 301	Sec. 313(b)(1)(A) No change in outlays or revenues.	Lender Insurance.
Portion of Sec. 801 on page 55 lines 16 through 20.	Sec. 313(b)(1)(A) No change in outlays or revenues.	Statement of purpose of College Access Partnership Grant Program.
Portion of Sec. 801 on page 68, lines 9 through 11.	Sec. 313(b)(1)(A) No change in outlays or revenues.	Sunset.

MATTHEW SHEPARD ACT OF 2007

Mr. SMITH. Madam President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On June 4, 2007, in Pearland, TX, Terry Mark Mangum brutally murdered Kenneth Cummings, Jr., for being gay. Mangum says the two had drinks at a Montrose-area club before returning to Cummings' home in Pearland. Mangum confessed to having stabbed Cummings to death with a six-inch knife at Cummings' residence that night. He then burned the body and buried it at a 50-acre ranch owned by his grandfather. Mangum says he believed that Cummings was gay and allegedly had planned the killing for 6 months prior to the murder.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Matthew Shepard Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

TRIBUTE TO MYRON PIERCE OF SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

• Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, today I pay tribute to Myron Pierce of South Paris, ME, as he is honored by Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69—Sons of

Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Council. Through the years, Myron Pierce has demonstrated a selfless and stalwart commitment to his family, his community, and his country. Born in Bethel, ME, the oldest of eight children, Myron began his military career at the age of 19, serving in the Army National Guard and was activated to full-time duty the following year stationed at Camp Blanding, FL. By 1942, he was a machine gunner with the 12th Bomb Group and led night patrols that uncovered the presence of German troops, earning him a Silver Star. From 1941 to 1945, he fought with the 103rd Infantry of the 43rd Division, also known as Winged Victory, and was wounded in combat in North Africa. During the Korean War he rejoined the Maine Army National Guard. While in that theater, he led 27 consecutive night combat patrols in Iron Triangle near Pork Chop Hill, where a Chinese unit ambushed the 2nd Infantry Division and he endured grenade shrapnel. He and two others were the only survivors of that fateful night. Through the remarkable span of his distinguished 30-year military career, Myron received countless military medals and rose through the ranks from private to company commander, then to operation officer, and finally battalion commander. He also served as assistant commandant for the Army Reserve Officer School—all commendable distinctions.

Upon retiring from the military, for the next 26 years, Myron focused his dedication in the classroom as an educator. Never wavering on his sense of duty, he continued his service to his country by reaching out to students on matters of patriotism, flag etiquette, and the Voice of Democracy. As a teacher at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, he spearheaded a local chapter of the Distributive Education Club of American, DECA, a co-operative program working with local area businesses and high school students teaching them business and marketing skills as well as how to be a contributing and productive member of the community. Myron worked in conjunction with the State of Maine to construct a Veterans Home for the Oxford Hills area veterans. As a tireless advocate on behalf of veterans, in July of 1995, he was successful in his mission to bring the Western Maine Veterans Home to South Paris. Again, ever-vigilant in his contributions to his fellow veterans, he was appointed by Maine Gov. John R. McKernan to the board of trustees for Maine Veterans Homes and was reappointed to serve a second term by Gov. Angus King. A testament to his motto, "We are here to service the community," in 2004, Myron Pierce was presented with the well-deserved Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. I want to offer my heartfelt best wishes and deepest appreciation to Myron Pierce for his

extraordinary service and sacrifice to his community and to our Nation.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM: CHARLES LANE

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I wish to honor a great Californian, Charles Lane, who passed away on July 9, 2007, at the age of 102.

Charles Lane was an American actor seen in hundreds of films and television shows. At the time of his death, Mr. Lane was the oldest living American actor. He appeared in many of Frank Capra's films, including "Mr. SMITH Goes to Washington," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "It's a Wonderful Life."

Lane was born Charles Gerstle Levison in San Francisco, CA, to Alice and Jacob Levison on January 26, 1905. In 1932, Lane married Ruth Covell, and they remained together for 70 years, until her death in 2002. Until his recent passing, Charles Lane lived in the Brentwood, CA, home that he and Ruth bought in 1964.

Charles Lane began his acting career in 1929 at the suggestion of actor/director Irving Pichel, and in 1933 Lane became a founding member of the Screen Actors Guild. His final acting role was at the age of 101 in 2006's "The Night Before Christmas." His last television appearance was at the age of 90 when he appeared in the 1995 Disney TV remake of its 1970 teen comedy "The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes."

Lane appeared in more than 250 films and hundreds of television programs. On his busiest days, Lane sometimes played more than one character, changing costumes and filming his two or three lines, then dashing off to another set for a different costume and a different role. While Lane often portrayed stern and hard-hearted characters, his friends and fellow actors remembered Lane as warm, funny, and kind.

Lane was not only found on the screen; he was found of the stage. In 1928, he joined the company at the Pasadena Playhouse, which was known for training actors for the movies, appearing in more than 100 productions over three decades. He made his film debut as a hotel desk clerk in "Smart Money" in 1931 with Edward G. Robinson and James Cagney.

In 2005, the TV Land Awards paid tribute to Lane by celebrating his 100th birthday. After he was serenaded "Happy Birthday" by the audience and was presented his award, Lane remarked to the audience, "If you're interested, I'm still available." He was given a standing ovation.

Our Nation lost an amazing actor with the passing of Charles Lane, but his legacy to film and television will be remembered as we continue to enjoy the many films and programs he made during his long career.●